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Notice of Federal Communication Commission Order Related to Wireless Microphones

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has ordered that all wireless microphones that broadcast in the 700 MHz frequency band (which includes any frequencies between 698 MHz and 806 MHz) must cease operating no later than June 12, 2010. The FCC seeks to prevent unlawful interference with public safety entities and commercial users that operate on the 700 MHz band following completion of the Digital Television transition last June. If a microphone does not operate on frequencies within the 700 MHz band, no action is required.

Wireless microphones currently operate in a variety of different frequency bands, including many frequencies outside of the 700 MHz band. Only those wireless microphones using the 700 MHz band must cease operating. Some wireless microphones that operate in the 700 MHz band can be successfully retuned to operate in frequencies other than 700 MHz. If the wireless microphone operates only in the 700 MHz frequency band, it will need to be replaced.

The FCC website dedicated exclusively to providing consumers with important information about 700 MHz wireless microphones may be found at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/>.

Other consumer information, including "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs), "Consumer Fact Sheet," "Consumer Advisory," and the FCC's wireless microphones press release, may be found at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/Pubs.html>.

The table at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/manufacturers.html> may be useful in determining whether wireless microphones operate within the 700 MHz band and will need to be replaced or retuned. The FCC recommends contacting your wireless microphone's manufacturer to answer any technical questions you may have. Links to many manufacturers' websites also may be found on the FCC website.

A link to the FCC decision itself can be reviewed at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-16A1.pdf.

If you need additional information or have further questions, please contact the FCC Consumer Hotline at 1-888-CALL-FCC.